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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OCLR, RP

SUBJ: AIR SIAM FLIGHT GROUNDED OVER CLEARANCE PROBLEM

REF: (A) DAWSON WILSON-SAM LEE TELECON OF 8/13/75; (B) MANILA 6963

1. EMBASSY NOTIFIED BY REFTELECON A THAT AIR SIAM CHARTER FLIGHT FERRYING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TO U.S. HAD BEEN FORCED DOWN AUGUST 13 BY PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE FOR APPARENT LACK OF DIPLOMATIC OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE.

2. PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES IN SUCH INSTANCES ARE SOLICITOUS OF WELFARE OF PASSENGERS, BUT ADAMANT IN UPHOLDING INTEGRITY OF CLEARANCE REGULATIONS.

3. USUAL PRACTICE WHEN VIOLATION OCCURS IS FOR PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE TO CONTACT EMBASSY OF APPROPRIATE COUNTRY, WHICH IN THIS CASE WAS THAI EMBASSY. BY TIME WE WERE NOTIFIED PER REFTELECON A OF INCIDENT, THAI EMBASSY HAD ALREADY SECURED RELEASE OF PLANE.

4. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO DRAW AGAIN TO EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR'S ATTENTION THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLYING WITH CLEARANCE PROVISIONS SET FORTH REFTEL B. IF CLEARANCE HAS BEEN GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PROCEDURES, SNAFU IS UNLIKELY, BUT CAN IF IT OCCURS
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BE QUICKLY RESOLVED. IF CLEARANCE HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED,

NO AMOUNT OF APPEALING TO HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS
WILL SECURE RELEASE OF PLANE UNTIL CONSIDERABLE TIME HAS
ELAPSED.
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